

Whereas, the City of Lansing issued a license to Paradise Theatre on November 12, 1971; and

Whereas, on January 6, 1972, a film was seized by authority of a duly authorized search warrant, from Paradise Theatre; and

Whereas, the Lansing City Council has viewed this film; and

Whereas, the Lansing City Council believes it was misled by representation that Paradise Theatre would show "old time" films as opposed to obscene films; and

Whereas, the Council has afforded the owner of Paradise Theatre a hearing in accordance with the principles of due process of law at which time an opportunity was afforded the owner represented by counsel, to present evidence, cross examine witnesses, and argue the law; and

Whereas, the Council concludes that the film seized is obscene, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the license of Paradise Theatre be revoked for the reason that an obscene film, as determined by the Council, was shown and because the Council believes it was misled at the time of the issuance of the license due to Paradise Theatre's representation that it would show "old time" films; and be it further

Resolved, that the Council deems the operation of the Paradise Theatre a nuisance and in accordance with the Home Rule Act, the Charter and other applicable laws, hereby abates the nuisance by revoking the theatre license, immediately.

Councilman Belen asked to be excused from voting.

Adopted by the following vote:

Unanimously.

The following persons spoke:

Joseph Hobria, 2733 Manley Dr., relative to Glen Eden Estates Subdivision.

Gail Hines, 524 Isbell St.

Anthony P. Nosal, 3703 Waverly Hills Road.

Council adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

THEO FULTON,
City Clerk.

Lansing, Michigan

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, January 6, 1972

The Lansing Fire Board met in regular session at Central Fire Station and was called to order by Chairman Ralph E. Kauffman, Jr.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Sheathelm, Owen, Clark, Nakfoor, Kauffman, Canady, Roe and Salerno—8.

Absent: None.

Local 421 President Gary L. Thomas, Fireman Steven Willard, Fireman John Collins and Fireman Henry Houghtaling attended the meeting.

By Commissioner Sheathelm—

I move the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as printed.

Supported by Commissioner Owen.

Carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters of appreciation were received from: Charles P. White, Executive Director of the Downtown Business Division of the Chamber of Commerce for the department assistance during Santa's Sleigh operation; P. E. Instructor G. E. Sambau for three First Aid presentations to Lansing Catholic Central students by Fire-

man Roy Zigler; Dr. John G. Wiegenstein, Chairman of the Tri-County Emergency Medical Services Council, for the assistance of the Training Division and use of the Training Academy for a demonstration program "Extrication from Automobile Accidents"; Sgt. Robert Foster of the Mid-Michigan Police Academy for a two hour lecture presented by Marshal Phillip Alber; Secretary Darrell E. Sweet of the Asbury Men's Club for a program presented by Marshal Phillip Alber, December 1, 1971.

Received and placed on file, with copies to members involved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Sheathelm, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported his Committee had held several meetings regarding the 1972-1973 Fire Department Budget and had reviewed the proposed Budget with the members of the Board.

By Commissioner Sheathelm—

I move the 1972-1973 Budget Proposal be approved for submitting to the City Council, January 14, 1972.

Supported by Commissioner Roe.

Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Salerno, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, stated her Committee had received a request from Patrolman Wayne Castle for a transfer to the Fire Department.

By Commissioner Salerno—

I move we deny this request, as it would not be in the best interest of the service.

Supported by Commissioner Roe.

Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Canady, Chairman of the Planning Committee, stated his Committee had received a list of recommendation for revisions of streets and locations from Chief Burnett and Chief Dispatcher Harold Lynch. These recommendations should be forwarded to the Planning Board for their consideration.

By Commissioner Canady—

I move we approve the recommendations listed by Chief Burnett and Chief Dispatcher Harold Lynch and that they be submitted to the Planning Board.

Supported by Commissioner Owen.

Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Nakfoor, Chairman of the Ambulance Division Feasibility Committee, stated he was still assembling material his Committee needed for a complete study. Some cities charge for ambulance service, and some subsidize ambulance service.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Burnett reported that eleven members were on sick leave, and submitted a report of December fire alarms and ambulance calls.

Chief Burnett reported that Engineer Jack Dean has requested a disability pension, and Engineer Donald Fairchild passed away December 28, 1971. He informed the Board members that two employees hired under the federal sponsored PEP program.

Chief Burnett exhibited certificates earned by Captain Fisher and Fireman Roy Zigler from Lansing Community College and the Tri-County Medical Services Council for completion of the training program for the Emergency Medical Technical—Ambulance.

Chief Burnett presented the members of the Board with a revised evaluation sheet that he recommends be adopted by the Board for department use in place of the evaluation forms now in use.

Chairman Kauffman requested the Board members and Local President Gary Thomas to study the forms and submit their recommendations at the Board meeting February 3, 1972.

GENERAL ORDER

Commissioner Sheathelm thanked the members of Local 421 for the use of information on file in the Local office to use for the evaluation of fire department maintenance costs and ambulance service provided by fire departments. This information will be compiled with facts from questionnaires and will be presented to the Board as soon as possible.

Commissioner Sheathelm reported that Ferrol Street is in bad condition, and is the access road for No. 10 Station's parking lot. The parking lot needs additional lighting, and recreational equipment is needed to furnish exercise facilities. Chairman Kauffman requested the Chief to contact the division representative and have the unsatisfactory condition remedied.

Commissioner Nakfoor suggested the Board give consideration to a telephone type alarm system for ambulance and alarm reporting.

Commissioner Owen asked the Chairman if any answer had been received from the Pension Board regarding the extension of service for Chief Burnett. Chairman Kauffman replied that no answer had been re-

Board member John F. Powers asked to be excused from the remainder of the meeting.

The 1972-73 proposed budget was submitted, reviewed and discussed with division heads.

Referred to Staff for certain modifications.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JANE RUST,
Secretary.

Approved by:

CHARLES G. HAYDEN,
Director,
Parks and Recreation.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Special Meeting, January 14, 1972

The Lansing Fire Board met in special session at Central Fire Station and was called to order by Chairman Ralph E. Kauffman, Jr., at 8:40 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Sheathelm, Owen, Clark, Kauffman, Canady, Roe and Salerno—7.

Absent— Commissioner Nakfoor—1.

Commissioner Nakfoor was excused from the meeting.

Local 421 President Gary L. Thomas also attended the meeting.

Chairman Kauffman stated the special meeting has been called for the purpose of taking Board action in line with decisions reached in the course of a Committee of the Whole meeting January 12, 1972.

Specifically, the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Board direct Attorney Norman Farhat to:

1. Take the necessary steps to initiate appeal action relative to the finding of Judge Hotchkiss in the Gerald Green matter; and
2. Request the court to rule on our petition of November 15, 1971, requesting lifting of the injunction prohibiting the conduct of examinations for promotion to the rank of Captain within the Lan-

sing Fire Department, with the understanding that one Captaincy will remain unfilled pending ultimate resolution of the Green matter.

By Commissioner Roe—

I move the Board approve the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole.

Supported by Commissioner Sheathelm.

During the discussion that followed Commissioner Owen stated he was against the recommendation and wished his objection to be recorded.

Ayes: Commissioners Sheathelm, Clark, Kauffman, Canady, Roe, Salerno—6.

Nay: Commissioner Owen—1.

Carried.

By Commissioner Canady—

I move we adjourn.

Supported by Commissioner Sheathelm.

Carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

WILLIAM R. GREW,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, February 3, 1972

The Lansing Fire Board met in regular session at Central Fire Station and was called to order by Chairman Ralph E. Kauffman, Jr.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners, Sheathelm, Owen, Clark, Nakfor, Kauffman, Canady, Roe and Salerno—8.

Absent: None.

Civil Defense Director James Holcomb Deputy Chief Joseph Burtraw fire fighters Lynn Bullard, Roy Zigler, Rodger LaLonde, John Collins and Craig Rice also attended the meeting.

By Commissioner Owen—

I move the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as printed.

Supported by Commissioner Sheathelm.

Carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication regarding the Gerald Green case submitted to the city council by Mayor Gerald Graves was referred to the Fire Board by the City Council.

A notice from the City Council dated January 24, 1972 authorizing appeal to the Court of Appeals the Lieutenant Green vs. City of Lansing case.

Letters of appreciation were received from: Superintendent of Schools I. C. Candoli for the fine work done at the recent Eastern High School fire; Mr. and Mrs. Herb LaGoe for the speedy and efficient work of the ambulance crew on a call to treat their young daughter, Julie Smith; Mrs. Sharon Bancroft for the assistance of Inspector Henry LeCato in presenting safety programs; Principal Don F. Johnson of Eastern High School for the fine work of the fire department at the recent fire at the school and the excellent investigating work performed by Inspector Dick Smalley; Charles Street of the Lansing Safety Council for the use of No. 2 Station for teaching the Defensive Driving Course; from Mrs. Frederick Smith for a program presented to the East Lansing Women's

Club by Marshal Alber; from Mrs. Geru E. Allen for a program presented by Marshal Alber to the White Pine Chapter of the American Business Women's association.

Received and placed on file, with copies to the personnel involved.

Fire Marshal Phillip Alber submitted a recommendation for commendation for Mr. Kenneth A. Ruff of 814 Bates Street for discovering the fire at Eastern High School, turning in the fire alarm and assisting the fire department in laying fire hose lines to extinguish the fire.

By Commissioner Salerno—

I move we send Mr. Ruff a letter commending him for his excellent and responsible actions in connection with the discovery of this fire.

Supported by Commissioner Roe.

Carried unanimously.

APPLICATIONS AND RESIGNATIONS

Chief Burnett stated two maintenance men were being interviewed for hire as civilian Labor II employees through the government sponsored PEP program. Fireman Bruce Wood, hired under this program as a fire fighter, will be transferred to the department when his training period is completed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Sheathelm, Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated his Committee had met with the Mayor's staff for a budget hearing with the City Council later. The budget preparation and the hearing went fairly well.

Commissioner Salerno, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, asked if anyone had any recommendations regarding the valuation report form submitted by Chief Burnett at the last meeting.

Commissioner Owen asked if Local 421 members had made any recommendations regarding the forms. Committee Chairman Salerno stated none had been received.

By Commissioner Salerno—

I move we authorize Chief Burnett to implement the revised evaluation form at this time.

Supported by Commissioner Sheathelm.

Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Canady, Chairman of the Planning Committee, informed the members of the Board that a revised Capital Improvement Budget for 1972-1973, listing request in the order of priority, had been submitted to the Planning Division.

Commissioner Canady stated the Planning Committee has studied the communication from the Mayor relative to the possible rearrangement of the fire service in the City. The Committee is in the process of studying all aspects of the recommendation and will submit their findings to the Board in the near future. The Committee would appreciate the file from the Mayor's office of his correspondence with the National Loss Control Service Corporation of Chicago, Illinois, and comments from members of Local 421.

Chairman Kauffman said he would try to obtain a copy of the report from the Mayor's office, and that the Board would welcome Local 421 member's comments.

Commissioner Nakfoor, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Ambulance Division Feasibility Committee, reported his Committee has assembled some information and has ordered two volumes of "Descriptions and Analysis of Eighteen Proven Emergency Ambulance Service Systems" from the National Technical Information Services. When this information is received his Committee will have essential material to include in their report.

Chairman Kauffman praised the efforts of Commissioner Nakfoor and stated the Board will appreciate all the related information available regarding ambulance services.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Burnett reported that ambulance calls, total alarms, fire alarms and fire loss were down from January of 1971. He also gave a brief report on eight members on sick leave.

Chief Burnett informed the Board members he had attended several meetings with the Airport Authority and members of the City Council regarding fire protec-

tion for the airport. A proposal has been approved pending annexation of the airport. The Airport Authority will construct an eight bay station and furnish specialized equipment. We will furnish regular equipment for fire protection for other property in the area. This will furnish protection for the airport and provide better response for this area.

Chairman Kauffman stated he had received information that confirms Chief Burnett's report. The fire department will assume protection of the airport after annexation. This will provide a well located station for the northwest area with sufficient room for an eight bay station. This will furnish better response in the area and appears to be a logical solution to the situation.

RESOLUTIONS

Chairman Kauffman reported the police department is in the process of transferring to ultra high frequency radio equipment. All other departments, including Civil Defense, will be unable to communicate on this new frequency. The Command Post operation during emergencies is invaluable and would be sorely missed. I recommend the Board consider a resolution expressing the need for this coordinating system during emergencies.

Civil Defense Director James Holcomb reported he had requested \$20,000.00 last year, but it had not been granted. He has requested \$31,000.00 for this purpose in the present Civil Defense budget.

By Commissioner Sheathelm—

This Board has learned that one of the side effects of the upcoming transfer by the Lansing Police Department to new radio frequencies in the ultra-high frequency band will be the inability of the Civil Defense Mobile Company Post to communicate with either the Lansing Police Department or other area police agencies.

Although the fire department's requirement for coordinating assistance from the CDMCP are relatively infrequent occurrences, when the assistance is needed that need is critical.

In major fires where mutual aid units are employed, when tactical radio traffic is heavy and when other service and public safety agencies are involved, the on-site communication center function of the CDMCP is invaluable.

Although recognizing the City's tight financial situation, the Fire Board would urge the necessary support to expand the CDMCP capabilities to encompass the new police frequencies.

Supported by Commissioner Roe.

Carried unanimously.

Chairman Kauffman noted the excellent TV coverage of the Torrent Engine Company this week and expressed the pleasure of the members of the Board for the interest and activities of this Company. He stated there was another fire department organization the Board has not officially recognized at a meeting, so he asked a few questions and discovered some of the facts regarding the Honor Guard.

The Lansing Fire Department Honor Guard was organized on October 19, 1967. The first unit consisted of seventeen men, and Henry Houghtaling was elected their first President. The function of the Honor Guard is to represent the Lansing Fire Department at special occasion funerals, parades and department associated events. They also attend fireman funerals out of the city.

Today the Honor Guard consists of eighteen members. Roy Zigler is the current President and Rodger LaLonde is the Secretary-Treasurer. The Honor Guard members represent the Lansing Fire Department at approximately fifteen functions annually such as funerals, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and Veteran's Day parades. The Honor Guard is in charge of the annual Muscular Dystrophy Christmas Party.

These devoted firemen spend many off-duty hours to attend various functions. They raise their own finances through various money-making projects to cover the necessary expenses involved to participate in all of these functions. Any special apparel and equipment is furnished by the Fire department. Today, six of the original seventeen are still active members.

By Commissioner Sheathelm—

The Lansing Fire Board commends the members of the Honor Guard for the splendid services they perform and the tremendous job they do in sponsoring the annual Muscular Dystrophy party.

Supported by Commissioner Owen.

Carried unanimously. Copy of this resolution to be posted in each station.

GENERAL ORDER

Chairman Kauffman reported he had met January 19th with the Police and Fire Retirement System Board of Trustees to support the request for an extension of service for Chief Burnett beyond normal retirement. The request has been referred to the City Attorney for a ruling and he has not completed his findings. He will submit his findings to the Retirement Board at their next meeting, and Chairman Kauffman plans to attend the meeting.

Commissioner Sheathelm asked the Chief if members had complained about being transferred from one section of the City to the other. The Chief stated he had no written reports regarding this.

Commissioner Roe said he had heard a report that the Training Academy would be combined with the police training should

the police department secure the proposed new site. Chairman Kauffman stated it would be difficult to move the training tower, and that several obstacles must be overcome before the property can be obtained.

Commissioner Nakfoor stated the Emergency TV series represents some of the things we are trying to accomplish with the ambulance service. However, helicopters would not be feasible in our area.

Civil Defense Director Holcomb informed the members of the Board that a helicopter was available from the State Police in an emergency. He also stated the next Tri-county Medical meeting is February 10, 1972. There will be a joint meeting regarding disaster plans, and he feels there should be a representative from the Police Board and the Fire Board. Dr. Wiegenstein and Dr. Nakfoor will give briefing on the para-medical program. Later in the year the Michigan State Police will sponsor a program using the City of Lansing method as a pattern for a disaster plan. An entire week will be devoted to personnel training, and the Mayor, the Fire Chief and the Police Chief will be invited to participate.

Commissioner Owen congratulated the Honor Guard and the fire Fighters for the good job they are doing in the Muscular Dystrophy program.

Chief Burnett reported the traffic light control will be installed at No. 6 Station, and the Superintendent of Alarms will do the wiring from the station to the pole. He has been requested permission to allow a newspaperman to ride the ambulance and fire apparatus for feature stories. Chairman Kauffman recommended that permission be cleared with the City Attorney.

Fireman Rodger LaLonde publicly thanked Mr. Bud Schmidt of the Schmidt Super Markets for the assistance he has given the Honor Guard in providing refreshments for the Muscular Dystrophy Christmas parties. He then expressed the appreciation of the members of the ambulance crews for the assistance and information Dr. Nakfoor has given them.

Commissioner Nakfoor expressed appreciation for the cooperation received from the ambulance crews, and hoped to broaden their training in the medical field.

Chairman Kauffman stated the Board appreciated having a doctor as a member for the much needed technical assistance he has supplied the Board and the department.

The Board adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

WILLIAM R. GREW,
Secretary

N.M.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, March 2, 1972

The Lansing Fire Board met in regular session at Central Fire Station and was called to order by Chairman Ralph E. Kauffman, Jr.

ROLL CALL

Present: , Commissioners Sheathelm Owen, Nakfoor, Kauffman, Canady and Roe—6.

Absent: None.

Councilman Terry McKane, Civil Defense Director James Holcomb, Apparatus Chief V. P. Gurecki, Deputy Chief Joseph Burtraw, Local 421 President Gary L. Thomas, Newsman Norman Sinclair and eleven firemen were also present.

By Commissioner Sheathelm—

I move the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as printed.

Supported by Commissioner Roe.

Carried unanimously.

Chairman Kauffman noted that commissioners Berniece C. Salerno and Robert E. Clark had submitted their resignations from the Board, and that the minutes should indicate they were hard working commissioners who contributed a great deal to the Fire Board. They will be missed.

Chairman Kauffman gave a brief career history of an applicant for a position with the fire department. He then stated that Father Eugene J. Beitner was the applicant for the position of Chaplain.

By Commissioner Owen—

I move we create the position of Chaplain for the fire department and appoint Father Beitner to this position.

Supported by Commissioner Roe.

Carried unanimously. The Chairman then welcomed him as official Chaplain and introduced him to everyone present at the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

A card of appreciation to the Fire Board was received from the family of Joseph

Farhat, Jr. Letters of thanks were received from Elmer Goetch for the efficient work of the ambulance crew (firemen Robert Rice and James Bissell) for their assistance January 26, 1972; from Barry County Fire Service Secretary E. D. Tudor for a program presented by Captain Robert Fisher and Lieutenant Robert Large January 20, 1972; from Norman J. Carroll of Jackson Michigan for a program presented by Marshal Phillip Alber; from Fire Officer B. Holder of the Department of Natural Resources for a program presented by Inspector Jack Schineman February 9, 1972; from James A. Holcomb, Civil Defense Director, for the assistance of Chief Burnett and the members of the fire department at the noon luncheon meeting February 21, 1972; from Murna Telfer, In-service Director of Holt Home, Inc., for a program presented by Marshal Alber February 11, 1972.

Received and placed on file, with copies to the members involved.

APPLICATIONS AND RESIGNATIONS

Chief Burnett reported that Lieutenant Robert Large had been granted a duty disability pension, effective February 19, 1972.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman Kauffman presented the following Fire Board Committee realignment effective March 2, 1972:

Personnel Committee: Edward Roe, Chairman; Clinton Canady, Jr., Nolan Owen.

Finance Committee: Russell Sheathelm, Chairman; Nolan Owen, Eugene Nakfoor.

Buildings and Equipment Committee: Nolan Owen, Chairman; Russell Sheathelm, Eugene Nakfoor.

Planning Committee: Clinton Canady, Jr., Chairman; Edward Roe, Russell Sheathelm, Nolan Owen.

Vice Chairman Sheathelm, Chairman of the Finance Committee, gave a report of two budget hearings held with the Mayor's Budget Committee, listing deletions by budget accounts.

Chairman Kauffman stated the deletions were not willing cuts, and the fire depart-

ment budget requests are not padded. He requested Councilman Terry McKane to safeguard the budget accounts so fire department services and the welfare of department members could be maintained.

Councilman Terry McKane requested a copy of the necessary items that should be retained in the fire department budget to maintain adequate services and safety.

Commissioner Canady, Chairman of the Planning Committee, stated his Committee would report on the survey requested by the Mayor at the next meeting.

Commissioner Nakfoor, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Ambulance Division Feasibility Committee, reported his Committee will proceed without the information that has been ordered but not yet received.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Burnett submitted a report of fire and ambulance calls for February of 1971 and 1972, noting that the fire loss is down this year, and reported that six members of the department were on sick leave. He displayed the book entered in the National Fire Prevention contest where Lansing received first place in the State of Michigan and ninth place nationally.

Chairman Kauffman informed Local 421 President Gary Thomas that former Commissioner Salerno had forwarded the information regarding the grievance of November 16, 1971, which grievance had been rejected because no fire department regulation or contract provision had been violated, thus no basis existed for a grievance. The Chairman concurred with former Commissioner Salerno's ruling and, further, denied the request for a meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

Commissioner Roe stated he wished to submit a Resolution for consideration by the Board:

Resolved, that Lieutenant Gerald Green be designated a Captain of this department with date of rank to be retroactive to November 22, 1971 as determined by Mayor Graves. Further, that this designation be made without recommendation, without examination or testing, and without any further compliance by Lieutenant Green with regard to promotional criteria.

Parenthetically I would add, not as a part of the Resolution, that I have introduced this action to permit the Board to comply with the order of the Circuit Court. I would personally feel much better about this action, and I think the interest of the department and of the City would have been better served, if Lieutenant Green had actually demonstrated by competitive examination his qualification for the rank. I am sure the majority of the commissioners share this feeling.

I move adoption of the Resolution.

Supported by Commissioner Sheathelm.

During the discussion that followed, Commissioner Owen asked if the date of the promotion was correct. Chairman Kauffman stated it was the date listed on the writ of mandamus, but if it was not correct it could be corrected later. Commissioner Owen registered objection to the language of the Resolution as he felt there should be no animosity of the Fire Board or between members of the department regarding compliance of the order.

Ayes: Commissioners Sheathelm, Owen, Canady, Roe—4.

Nays: None.

Commissioner Nakfoor abstained from voting.

Chairman Kauffman stated he wished his vote to be recorded as an Aye vote.

Carried.

Chairman Kauffman reported that on May 3, 1971 Chief Donald Burnett submitted a proposal for a reorganization of the top command of the fire department. On May 15th, the Chief's recommendations were referred to the Personnel Committee for review and comment.

On June 3, 1971, at the Personnel Committee's recommendation, the Fire Board endorsed the Chief's proposal and forwarded it to the Public Safety Committee of the City Council for concurrence.

In the absence of any word from City Council, the Board has not implemented the changes recommended by the Chief. At its November 5, 1971 meeting, the Board initiated action to seek a one year extension of service for Chief Burnett beyond his normal retirement date of May 1st during which period the Board proposes to implement the recommended changes. The Board submitted a formal request for the extension to the Policemen's and Firemen's Retirement System Board of Trustees.

At its meeting on January 26, 1972 the Retirement Board of Trustees referred the question of its authority to grant such an extension to the City Attorney for an opinion.

At its February 16, 1972 meeting, the Policemen's and Firemen's Retirement System Board of Trustees, acting on the advice of the then City Attorney, determined it did not have the authority to grant such an extension and rejected the Board's request.

In the absence of any comment from City Council, the Board will undertake in the near future to restructure the top command of the fire department along the lines of the Chief's recommendations and will consider other organizational changes within the department which have been discussed in some depth over a period of time. The Board considers it highly desirable to have Chief Burnett remain in command during the transition period.

By Commissioner Sheathelm—

I move the Fire Board respectfully requests the Personnel Committee of the City Council to authorize a civilian position of Fire Chief at a salary level equivalent to the Classification Schedule Grade XI at which the existing department position of Chief is established. It is understood that the civilian position would not carry the fringe benefits or retirement credits which are a part of the department position. It should be further understood that in requesting the establishment of this civilian position, it is the intent of the Board to enter into agreement with Chief Burnett to fill that post for a period of one year.

Supported by Commissioner Roe.

During the discussion that followed Commissioner Owen stated he wished to speak against this action; that he had no ill feeling whatsoever against the Chief, but this action would be establishing a precedent. He believed the City Charter allows the Board to go anywhere to select a Chief. However, no man is indispensable, and this action could have serious long range repercussions.

Ayes: Commissioners Sheathelm, Nakfoor Kauffman, Canady, Roe—5.

Nays: Commissioner Owen—1.

Carried.

By Commissioner Roe—

I move the Board officially commend former commissioners Robert E. Clark and Berniece C. Salerno for their excellent work and devoted services while serving with the Lansing Fire Board.

Supported by Commissioner Owen.

Carried unanimously.

GENERAL ORDER

Councilman Terry McKane said he was happy he attended the meeting, and that he is initiating regular meetings of his Public Safety Committee. He has several items to take up during these meetings. The Chairman stated no invitation was needed to the Board meetings, and his presence was appreciated.

Civil Defense Director James Holcomb gave the details of a program that is geared to furnishing radio communications from hospitals to all accredited ambulance service in the Tri-County area. The first step is the funding of the radio service, which can be done through federal matching funds. Before proceeding with the program, he wished to receive the approval of the Fire Board for the intent of the program. He will then seek approval of all participating agencies, including the members of Local 421. He then will seek

funds to provide a para-medical program and instruction from the federal government.

Chairman Kauffman stated the Board has a Committee headed by Dr. Nakfoor that is seeking the best methods to upgrade the ambulance service provided by the department. If our service can lead the way to this improved program, I'm sure Dr. Nakfoor will give it his prompt consideration.

By Commissioner Nakfoor—

I move we approve the program in its intent as presented by Civil Defense Director James Holcomb.

Supported by Commissioner Roe.

Carried unanimously.

Civil Defense Director Holcomb announced the Motorola Company is planning another demonstration program to be presented in the City Hall lobby.

Local 421 President Gary Thomas stated that, regarding the grievance problem alluded to, the contract spells out the action of week-end duty. He felt the Local should have a meeting to discuss this with the Board.

Chairman Kauffman stated the Board's action regarding the out-of-city residence was to guard against members moving too far from the City. Who will be permitted week-end duty is an administrative duty.

Local 421 President Thomas then stated that they would be forced to seek recourse through their attorneys. He also stated there was no need to go outside of the department to appoint a new Chief as there were several capable members in the department. On behalf of Gerald Green, he assured the members of the Board that he will be a fine officer.

Fireman Steve Willard asked if the budget deletions by the Mayor's Committee included reimbursement of college tuition. The Chairman reported that it did, but the Board will seek restoration of the funds.

Lieutenant Hazelton asked the Chairman if the press releases regarding the resignation of two Board members were biased and not correct. The Chairman stated the members of the Board can not speak for the writer's of letters as they have their own opinions.

By Commissioner Canady—

I move we adjourn.

Supported by Commissioner Owen.

Carried.

The Board adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

M/C WILLIAM R. GREW,
Secretary

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, April 6, 1972

The Lansing Fire Board met in regular session at Central Fire Station and was called to order by Chairman Ralph E. Kauffman, Jr.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Sheathelm, Owen, Cavicchioni, Nakfoor, Kauffman, Canady, Roe and Schmidt—8.

Absent: None.

Deputy Chief Burtraw, News Reporter Norman Sinclair, Local 421 President Gary L. Thomas and nine firemen also attended the meeting.

By Commissioner Sheathelm—

I move the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as printed.

Supported by Commissioner Owen.

Carried.

Chairman Kauffman officially welcomed commissioners Alfreda Schmidt and Joseph A. Cavicchioni to the Fire Board.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters of thanks to Marshal Alber for programs presented at Homer, Michigan and Allen Street School; a letter of commendation from Dr. M. J. Doyle for the excellent driving of fire apparatus in the downtown area; a letter of thanks for a program presented by Fireman Roy Zigler from Scoutmaster Stanley Murray; Letter of thanks from Bank of Lansing President Andrew G. Creamer for the swift and efficient action of the fire department at the fire on March 6th; notification from the City Council of the appointments of James A. Holcomb as Program Director of the Emergency Medical Service for the City of Lansing, Mrs. Alfreda Schmidt and Joseph A. Cavicchioni to the Fire Board being confirmed; notification from the City Council that the City Council concurs with the recommendation of the Fire Board for the temporary (one year) establishment of a civilian Fire Chief position for the one year period.

Received and placed on file with copies to persons mentioned.

Chief Burnett submitted a request from Fire Marshal Alber for consideration of a Citizen's Citation for Helen Searles of 130 North Rosemary Street. On April 1, 1972, dressed only in a nightgown, she went through smoke and heat to the second floor bedroom of the house at 2532 Reo Road and removed Kellie Marie Tremblay from the burning building, carrying her safely to the out doors. She received burns on the bottom of her right foot. The entire rescue was made in the dark as the fire had knocked out the electric service.

Helen Searles was born May 7, 1953 and attended Eastern High School in Lansing, Michigan.

April 6, 1972

Lansing Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

The attached report from Fire Marshal Phillip Alber suggests the awarding of a Citizen's Citation to Helen Searles for her heroism in rescuing a baby from a fire in a building.

I recommend that Helen Searles, of 130 North Rosemary Street, be awarded a citation and membership in the Citizen's Citation Club.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD H. BURNETT,
Chief.

By Commissioner Cavicchioni—

I move we approve the Chief's recommendation.

Supported by Commissioner Roe.

Carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Sheathelm, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported on the City Council budget hearing for the fire department and the budget items that received that most severe cuts.

Commissioner Canady, Chairman of the Planning Committee, reported his Committee had not received the survey communications from the Mayor's office at this time.

Commissioner Roe, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, stated his Committee had met with Local 421 representatives concerning a grievance on behalf of Fire Fighter Arthur Overly regarding the docking of \$.65 pay for failure to call in on sick leave prior to starting time. The Personnel Committee requests Chief Burnett to reimburse Fire Fighter Overly the docked pay and discontinue the practice.

By Commissioner Roe—

A contract for the services of Chief Donald Burnett to command the Lansing Fire Department as a Civilian Chief has been prepared and approved by the City Personnel Department and Chief Burnett. I move that this Board authorize Chairman Kauffman, acting for the Fire Board, to execute this contract.

Supported by Commissioner Sheathelm.

Carried unanimously.

By Commissioner Roe—

The injunction imposed by Judge Ray Hotchkiss prohibiting promotions until termination of the Gerald Green case has been lifted and it is the recommendation of the personnel Committee that the Board direct Chief Burnett to administer the promotional system adopted by the Board February 11, 1971 and have the results available in thirty days from this date so the vacant positions may be filled without delay. It is further recommended that the pay for those promoted be retroactive to November 22, 1971 subject to the availability of funds.

Supported by Commissioner Canady.

During the discussion, Commissioner Owen stated he was against the recommendation of the Personnel Committee. He recommended the Chief fill the present vacancies under the old system for the morale of the department and start the new promotion system June 1st.

Commissioner Sheathelm indicated that the new system would cause a delay and he would prefer the vacancies be filled as soon as possible.

Commissioner Canady stated the promotional system had been adopted February 11, 1971 and has been held up only through

an injunction. All the expenses and time consumed in the Green trial were a waste of time and money, and this will certainly be obvious to the general public.

Commissioner Roe stated that from a morale standpoint, the men promoted will be happy but those who prepared for the exams would be disappointed.

Chief Burnett stated he thought there were some flaws in the promotional system that needed working out; that using the exams at this time may take as long as six months; that it may cost more than the funds available at this time.

Chairman Kauffman asked for the opinion of all firemen present. Fireman John Collins said he did not feel the promotion system should be used as the Local 421 members did not have a chance to approve it. Fireman Melvin Lear stated he thought his station officers and the Chief would know if he was capable of doing his job.

Chairman Kauffman stated that many meetings had been held regarding the promotional system and the recommendations of Local 421 representatives had been considered. The Fire Board did not seek a ballot, as they are entrusted to administer the fire department.

Local 421 President Gary Thomas said he felt it would be impractical to implement the promotional system at this time. Some of the candidates for promotion have been acting officers for as long as seven years. These men should be rewarded for their proven abilities. There are flaws in the new system and there are over two hundred members eligible to take examinations. We have the Oklahoma A. and M. textbooks and our training manuals, but there have been no directions on what to study. There are no provisions made for transfers between divisions and no idea what will constitute the oral exams. The evaluation sheets have been changed and they could be a determining factor.

Firemen Lynn Bullard and Laverne Foes stated they had the same opinion as Chief Burnett and Gary Thomas.

Commissioner Owen stated he was very familiar with labor contracts, and invariably they stipulate seniority and ability for consideration in promotions.

Chairman Kauffman requested the Personnel Committee recommendation be read again, then asked for a show of hands for the vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Roe, Canady—2.

Nayes: Commissioners Sheathelm, Owen, Cavicchioni, Nakfoor—4.

Abstained: Commissioner Schmidt.

The recommendation was defeated.

By Commissioner Owen—

I move we waive the present promotion system until June 1, 1972 and fill all vacancies that exist on this date in accordance with the promotion system in the Rules and Regulations.

Supported by Commissioner Nakfoor.

Commissioner Canady stated he was strongly against rescinding a system that the Board had worked so hard to formulate.

Commissioner Roe concurred with Commissioner Canady's objection.

Chairman Kauffman requested the motion be read again, then asked for a show of hands for the vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Sheathelm, Owen, Cavicchioni, Nakfoor—4.

Nays: Commissioners Canady, Roe—2.

Abstained: Commissioner Schmidt.

Carried.

Chairman Kauffman wished the records to show that he supported the views of Commissioner Canady and Commissioner Roe. Commissioner Cavicchioni suggested the fire department members study the text books provided them.

Chairman Kauffman requested the Personnel Committee to check with the Chief and the Training Division regarding the possible flaws in the promotion system and the mechanics of administering it; and seconded Commissioner Cavicchioni's recommendation to study the available texts.

Commissioner Roe read letters from Chief Burnett recommending the promotions of Deputy Chief Joseph I. Burtraw and Deputy Chief Carl W. Barratt to Assistant Chief, effective April 9, 1972.

By Commissioner Roe:

I move we approve the promotion of deputy chiefs Joseph I. Burtraw and Carl W. Barratt to Assistant Chief, effective April 9, 1972.

Supported by Commissioner Owen.

Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Roe read a letter from Chief Burnett recommending the transfer of Chief of Training Raymond P. Brethauer to Deputy Chief, effective April 9, 1972.

By Commissioner Roe—

I move we approve the transfer of Chief of Training Raymond P. Brethauer to Deputy Chief, effective April 9, 1972.

Supported by Commissioner Sheathelm.

Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Nakfoor, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Ambulance Division Feasibility Committee, presented the following Committee report:

The Committee recommends that the Fire Board approve of the concept of a separate ambulance division and that planning for this far-reaching change begin immediately.

The Committee realizes that in making these recommendations that many issues will have to be resolved including reorganization of the internal structure of the department, developing expanded training activities, etc. The effort will be well worth it since the immediate effect will be improved patient care, decreased morbidity and, most important, more lives saved. The long range effect will be paving the way for the department's role as the leading force in a first class metropolitan ambulance rescue system.

This resolution will be the first step in integrating with the city's emergency medical services planning and hopefully, will lead to a metropolitan ambulance rescue system.

By Commissioner Nakfoor—

I move that the Fire Board approve of the concept of a separate ambulance division and that planning for this far-reaching change begin immediately.

Supported by Commissioner Roe.

Carried unanimously.

Chairman Kauffman congratulated the members of the Board, Commissioner Nakfoor and the members of his Committee for the excellent work, research and long-range planning regarding the feasibility of a separate ambulance division that could set the pattern for other areas to follow. The Chairman then appointed the following members to the Ad Hoc Separate Ambulance Division Planning Committee:

Eugene Nakfoor, Chairman; Edward Roe, Russell Sheathelm, Nolan Owen.

Chairman Kauffman presented the Fire Board Committee re-alignment, effective April 6, 1972:

Personnel Committee: Edward Roe, Chairman; Clinton Canady, Jr., Vice Chairman, Nolan Owen, Joseph A. Cavicchioni.

Finance Committee: Russell Sheathelm, Chairman; Nolan Owen, Vice Chairman, Eugene Nakfoor, Alfreda Schmidt.

Buildings and Equipment Committee: Nolan Owen, Chairman; Russell Sheathelm, Vice Chairman, Eugene Nakfoor, Joseph A. Cavicchioni.

Planning Committee: Clinton Canady, Jr., Chairman; Edward Roe, Vice Chairman, Russell Sheathelm, Alfreda Schmidt.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Burnett submitted a report of fire and ambulance calls for March of 1971 and 1972; and reported that two members were on sick leave.

GENERAL ORDER

Commissioner Alfreda Schmidt said she was looking forward to being a part of the Fire Board and serving the citizens of Lansing.

Commissioner Cavicchioni stated he hoped to do a good job for the City and that he would attend all meetings if possible.

Gary Thomas stated he respected all opinions expressed during the meeting and

thanked the Board for their actions on the promotions. He was certain all members of the department appreciated the actions also. He expressed appreciation for the fine work Dr. Nakfoor has done in connection with the ambulance service.

Chairman Kauffman requested the next regular Board meeting be changed from May 4, 1972 to May 11, 1972. The members of the Board approved the request.

The Board adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

WILLIAM R. GREW,
Secretary.

N.M.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Special Meeting, April 14, 1972

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Russel Lawler.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Dillingham, Lawler, McConnell, Treska, Roush and Barnes.

Commissioners absent: Lawry and Lilly.

Commissioners Lawry and Lilly were excused from the meeting.

PROMOTIONS

The meeting was called to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Deputy Chief Murphy. The following candidates were called, in alphabetical order, and interviewed by the Board members:

Captain Richard Gleason
Captain Roger Jackson
Lieutenant Charles Reifsnyder
Lieutenant William Ryan
Captain Allan Yauch

After interviews and considerable discussion, the following action was taken:

Commissioner Treska: I make a motion

to the effect that Captain Richard Gleason be appointed Deputy Chief by this Board, effective immediately.

Supported by Commissioner Roush.

Carried, unanimous.

Commissioner McConnell: I move that this Board send letters of appreciation to all men who participated in this examination.

Supported and carried.

Chairman Lawler: I believe it should be mentioned that the Board has elected to retain this list of men who took this particular examination so that within the next 18 months, if any vacancies occur we will refer back to the same group, without further action on their part.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET G. SHANCE,
Secretary

Steven Perry, 959 Vincent Ct. and Richard L. Wilkins, 2217 Grant St., Lansing, Michigan requested permission to write the Journeyman's examination. Qualifications being in order, permission was granted to write at the next regular examination night.

Sterling Armstrong and Steven Byrd, representing Lobe Lights Limited, located at 4735 Dunckel Road, Lansing, Michigan, presented drawings and details of lighting fixtures to be built by the above Company.

Motion was made by Mr. Lutz and seconded by Mr. Miller that a sample

fixture be submitted to the Fire Marshal Office for combustible tests.

Passed.

Section 9-72 (4) of the Lansing Uniform Electrical Code was discussed at length.

Motion was made by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Miller to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

RAY J. DWYER,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, April 24, 1972

The Lansing Fire Board met in special session at Central Fire Station and was called to order by Chairman Ralph E. Kauffman, Jr.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Sheathelm, Owen, Cavicchioni, Nakfoor, Kauffman, Roe and Schmidt—7.

Absent: Commissioner Canady—1. Commissioner Canady was excused from the meeting.

President Gary L. Thomas, Vice President Rolland Case and four other members of Local 421, Lansing Fire Fighters were in attendance.

Chairman Kauffman stated the special meeting was being held regarding promotions in the fire department in accordance with Sec. 20, P. 13 of the Rules and Regulations of the Lansing Fire Department and the decision of the Board at its last regular meeting.

Commissioner Roe, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, read the following communication submitted to his Committee:

April 24, 1972

Mr. Edward J. Roe, Chairman
Personnel Committee
Lansing Fire Board

Gentlemen:

We were requested by the Fire Board to proceed with promotions to fill the present vacancies in the fire department created by various reasons.

The same criteria was used to evaluate each member eligible for promotion as established in the past. Seniority in rank and proven ability were the main objectives, although other factors were given weight. Due consideration was given to the man's health, his age, his special education and his past performances.

The combination of experience and ability represented in our recommendations will provide a solid basis for future operation of the fire department and fulfillment of our obligations to the citizens of Lansing.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD H. BURNETT,
Chief

JOSEPH I. BURTRAW,
Ass't Chief

CARL W. BARRATT,
Ass't Chief

Commissioner Roe read the recommendations for promotion as presented to the Personnel Committee by the command officers:

Captain George Hinman to Deputy Chief.

Captain Roy Redburn to Deputy Chief.

Captain Robert Fisher to Chief of Training.

Lieutenant Martin Lardie to Captain Instructor.

Lieutenant Richard Keyes to Captain.

Lieutenant Robert Nalett to Captain.

Lieutenant Richard Bailey to Captain.

Lieutenant Benedict Novello to Captain.

Engineer Henry Loszewski to Lieutenant.

Engineer Harrison Rees

Engineer Irving Radee to Lieutenant.

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Engineer Douglas Greeg to Lieutenant.

Engineer Steve Malatinsky to Lieutenant.

Engineer Joseph Nemeth to Lieutenant.

Fireman Marle Clark to Engineer.

Fireman Elton Sellers to Engineer.

Fireman Wesley Frayer to Engineer.

Fireman Carl Hufnagel to Engineer.

Fireman Arthur Dorn to Engineer.

Fireman Dale Orler to Engineer.

Fireman Robert Hodges to Engineer.

Fireman Duane Hastings to Engineer.

Fireman Robert Schaible to Engineer.

By Commissioner Roe—

I move the promotions as submitted by Chief Burnett, Assistant Chief Burtraw and Assistant Chief Barratt be approved, effective November 22, 1971, except the positions of Chief of Training and Captain Instructor, to be effective April 9, 1972.

Supported by Commissioner Sheathelm.

Carried unanimously. Chairman Kauffman requested his vote to be recorded as affirmative.

Chairman Kauffman asked if there were any further remarks regarding promotions to be brought up at this special meeting. There were none.

By Commissioner Cavicchioni—

I move we adjourn.

Supported by Commissioner Schmidt.

Carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

WILLIAM R. GREW,
Secretary

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, May 11, 1972

The Lansing Fire Board met in regular session at Central Fire Station and was called to order by Chairman Ralph E. Kauffman, Jr.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Sheathelm, Cavicchioni, Nakfoor, Kauffman, Canady, Roe and Schmidt—7.

Absent: Commissioner Owen—1. Commissioner Owen was excused from the meeting.

Assistant Chief Burtaw, Assistant Chief Barratt and Civil Defense Director James Holcomb also attended the meeting.

The minutes of the April 6th regular meeting and the April 24th special meeting were approved as printed.

Chairman Kauffman asked Fire Marshal Phillip Alber to introduce Helen Searles and the members of her family that were present; and to review the heroic actions that earned her consideration for a citizen's Award by rescuing a baby from a burning building. Chairman Kauffman congratulated Miss Searles and presented her with a certificate and pin that signify her membership in the Citation Club of the City of Lansing. Each Board member congratulated her for her splendid action.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters of thanks and appreciation were received from:

Robert White, DeWitt Township Fireman's Association, for a first aid program presented by Fireman Roy Zigler March 25th.

Mrs. A. Anderson for the fine assistance given by Fireman Lynn Bullard and John Cushman Jr. on an ambulance call April 14th.

Duane Beach, teacher at Lincoln School, for programs presented by Fireman Roy Zigler and Inspector Gordon Adsit.

Fire Chief Cliff Sligar, Wheeling West Virginia Fire Department and Arthur C. Page of Dravosburg, Penn. for the courtesy and hospitality shown by Assistant Chief Barratt, Captain James Swick and No. 8 Station's crew during their recent visit.

Mrs. John Gardner and family for the timely, efficient and creditable assistance given by Fireman William Wilkins when Mr. John Gardner became ill in a drug store. Fireman Wilkins performed heart massage and artificial respiration until the ambulance arrived.

Received and placed on file, with copies to the members mentioned.

APPLICATIONS AND RESIGNATIONS

April 20, 1972

Lansing Fire Board

Gentlemen:

Attached is the resignation of Fireman Alyson Hurl from the fire department effective April 16, 1972. I recommend his resignation be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD H. BURNETT,
Chief

By Commissioner Sheathelm—

I recommend his resignation be accepted.

Supported by Commissioner Roe.

Carried unanimously.

April 20, 1972

Lansing Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Captain Donald DeCair has notified me that he has applied for retirement from the Lansing Fire Department, effective June 1, 1972. He will have completed

almost 26½ years of service on his date of retirement.

The members of the department join me in wishing him many healthy and happy years ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD H. BURNETT,
Chief

By Commissioner Roe—

Resolved: the Fire Board of the City of Lansing, Michigan expresses their sincere appreciation to Captain Donald A. DeCair for his 26½ years of loyal and faithful service with the Lansing Fire Department, and sincerely wishes him many happy and fruitful years during his retirement.

Supported by Commissioner Sheathelm.

Carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Roe, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, reported his Committee had held a meeting regarding proposed changes in the promotional system. His Committee will have another meeting at Central Station, May 18th at noon.

Chairman Kauffman directed the Secretary to submit a request to the Mayor for the file on the National Fire Loss Control Service Company of Chicago, Illinois so the Board may review this information in line with the Mayor's request.

Commissioner Nakfoor, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Ambulance Division Committee, reported that questionnaires have been sent to sixteen cities regarding ambulance service operations. Seven answers had been received to date.

Chairman Kauffman reported that the State Police may assist with the use of helicopters in extreme emergencies.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Assistant Chief Burtraw submitted a report of fire and ambulance calls for April

and six members on sick leave. He also gave a report of the activities regarding protests and the visitation of presidential candidates.

A discussion was held regarding false alarms, the fire alarm system, radio communications and telephone alarms.

GENERAL ORDER

Commissioner Cavacchioni stated he thought there should be publicity regarding the right of way for emergency vehicles responding to a call. He suggested contacting the press, radio and television stations for special announcements. Some cities assess a fine for failure to give the right of way to police and fire apparatus.

Commissioner Sheathelm stated that one of the engineers had received a ticket for a violation while driving to an alarm.

Commissioner Canady stated the Board should investigate this type of incident and determine the fault, and possibly provide protection for the members involved. Chairman Kauffman requested Assistant Chief Burtraw to get the details of the incident referred to, along with the ordinances that cover accident situation, and submit this information to Commissioner Canady for study and possible assistance.

Commissioner Sheathelm asked the assistant chiefs if some assistance could be given the Training Division to increase training programs this year. Assistant Chief Barratt replied that members on limited duty could be assigned to assist the Training Division.

Commissioner Schmidt reported she had toured five stations and the firemen were very courteous.

The Board adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

WILLIAM R. GREW,
Secretary

The secretary read and placed on file communications from the Michigan Department of Public Health regarding the monitoring unit and from Mayor Graves regarding the availability of Federal funds.

There was a discussion of the Zapata Report. Mrs. Bock would like to see a little more historical data included. Mr. Emery suggests some editorial work. Dr. Coleman suggested that we might need to transmit a two-fold report: one part technical in nature for the Council, etc.; a second part less technical for distribution to the community as a whole. Motion Mr. Dodson, second Mrs. Bock, that we prepare copies for transmission to the Mayor and Council requesting that they accept this as our official report in partial fulfillment of our Community Promotion obligation. We should further request permission to distribute this report or an amended version through the media and in leaflets and ask for comments or suggestions.

Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Tableman, second Mrs. Bock, that the Board express its appreciation to

Mr. Zapata for the work resulting in the presentation of this report.

Motion carried.

Motion Mrs. Bock, second Dr. Coleman, that the Board communicate its appreciation of his many years of service to Marvin Ray.

Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, June 29, 1972, at 7:30 p.m., in Room G-36, City Hall. Motion Mr. Emery that the meeting be adjourned.

So ordered at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIE WEEKS,
Vice Chairman,

NORMA DONOVAN,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF FIRE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, June 1, 1972

The Lansing Fire Board met in regular session at Central Fire Station and was called to order by Chairman Ralph E. Kauffman, Jr.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Sheathelm, Owen, Nakfoor, Kauffman, Canady, Roe, and Schmidt—7.

Absent: Commissioner Cavicchioni—1.

Commissioner Cavicchioni was excused from the meeting.

Civil Defense Director James Holcomb, Assistant Chief Burtraw, Assistant Chief Barratt and Deputy Chief Brethauer also attended the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters of appreciation and thanks were received from: Stirling Garrow, President of the St. Clair County Firemen's Association for a program presented by Training Chief Fisher May 18th; State Fire Marshal George A. Catton and Director of Insurance William A. Burgess for a program presented to the Michigan Hospital Association by Fire Marshal Alber; Director of Public Affairs John D. Marrs of the Lansing School District for assistance from Marshal Alber and the Fire Prevention Bureau during the Education Opportunities meetings; from Lansing Police Officer Kenneth Ruppert for the quick and efficient work of firemen Clyde Lickman and Roy Zigler during an ambulance call; Mrs. Helen Coulter for the ambulance call to assist her mother, Mrs. Bertha Davis.

May 23, 1972

Chief Donald H. Burnett
Lansing Fire Department
Lansing, Michigan
Dear Chief Burnett:

In a little over a year's time I have had occasion to write to you concerning fires at our lumber yard. In each case we appreciate the prompt and efficient service your department gave us to avert a serious tragedy.

The fire detection bureau also has worked hard to help us prevent further fires and we also appreciate their assistance.

All of us that work at Schultz, Snyder & Steele thank the Lansing Fire Department.

Sincerely,

ROBERT E. MARTIN,
General Mgr.
Schultz, Snyder & Steele
Lumber Company.

Received and placed on file, copies to members mentioned.

APPLICATIONS AND RESIGNATIONS

May 22, 1972

Mr. Donald H. Burnett, Chief
Lansing Fire Department
Lansing, Michigan
Dear Chief Burnett:

I am writing to inform you that I feel I cannot do justice to my duties and responsibilities in this Parish and with the Diocesan work which is going to be coming my way very soon and also do a job as Chaplain as effectively and as well as I would want to do it.

Please accept my resignation as Chaplain for the Lansing Fire Department and forward this letter of resignation to the Lansing Fire Board at the next meeting.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

REV. EUGENE BEITER.

Chairman Kauffman stated he would acknowledge the resignation with the regret of the members of the Board in a letter to Rev. Beiter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Sheathlem, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that the fiscal year ends this month and the new budget will be in effect July 1st.

Commissioner Roe, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, reported his Committee had held two meetings during the month and has submitted their recommendations to the Board for amendments to the Promotion System.

By Commissioner Roe—

I move the Board adopt the Promotion System as recommended by the Personnel Committee and inaugurate the Promotion System as amended.

Supported by Commissioner Canady.

Carried unanimously.

Chairman Kauffman suggested the Chief initiate the Promotion System as soon as possible.

Commissioner Nakfoor, Chairman of the Ambulance Division Committee, stated that the balance of the questionnaires had been received and that he was compiling the information received from fifteen departments.

Assistant Chief Barratt gave a complete report of the ambulance service in operation at Houston, Texas and the Symposium he attended. The Board members commended him for his thorough report.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Chief Burnett gave a comparison report of fires and ambulance calls for May of 1971 and 1972. There has been one death from fire this year. He reported on nine members on sick leave. He stated the new pumping engine will be delivered June 9th.

Chief Burnett submitted a request from Mr. Lawrence Raiche of 845 Fred Street for the fire department to share the cost of a fence erected between his property and No. 4 Fire Station.

By Commissioner Owen—

I move we recommend that Mr. Lawrence Raiche be reimbursed \$163.00, one-half of the installed cost, for the fence erected between his property and No. 4 Fire Station to the Building and Property Committee of the City Council. This fence has eliminated the unauthorized driving of motorcycles through Mr. Raiche's property and the fire station lot.

Supported by Commissioner Schmidt.

Carried unanimously.

GENERAL ORDER

Chairman Kauffman reported he had met with Mr. Ed Bergman of Lansing Community College, Chief Burnett and Deputy Chief Brethauer to discuss the training offered by the College to fire department members. The reimbursement to members for credits earned was reviewed and funds for continuance of this program should be continued. The College is very interested in using the Training Academy facilities for credit courses and the credits could be earned by our department members.

The Chairman reported he had received information from organizations interested in the safety of emergency vehicles while responding to calls. He has contacted local radio and television station personnel and members of the press regarding the obligation of citizens to relinquish the right of way to emergency vehicles. He is certain an effective campaign can be started to obtain the cooperation of the public, and he will have further information at the next meeting.

A discussion was held regarding the percentage of box alarms that were received for fires and other alarms. Commissioner Nakfoor requested further breakdowns on all alarms received by the department.

Commissioner Sheathelm asked if anything had been done regarding the condition of Ferrol Street. Chief Burnett reported he had inquired about the work needed and it will be blacktopped as soon as they can get to it.

Commissioner Sheathelm noted the traffic controls are now in operation at No. 6 and No. 7 stations. He asked if anything had been determined in an accident that occurred earlier this year. Commissioner Canady stated the Personnel Committee had determined the Engineer was partly at fault. The administration officers are in

the process of setting up a review board to investigate accidents and furnish protection to the drivers.

Commissioner Sheathelm stated he understood there had been some accidents in the stations with the apparatus. Chief Burnett said that five accidents involving damage to apparatus were being investigated by the assistant chiefs at this time. Assistant Chief Barratt reported they were in the process of accumulating all the data, and will have a meeting with the drivers and station officers involved.

A brief discussion was held regarding washing and polishing apparatus to prevent rust.

Civil Defense Director Holcomb reported there were 32 ambulances in the tri-county area available for emergencies. At the present time funds are available for radio installations for all department ambulances and one hospital. He hopes to have this program operational with all of the hospitals by December through additional funds that he is applying for from other agencies. He informed the Board the secret service men were very pleasantly surprised at the thorough planning and coverage furnished by the police and fire departments during the presidential candidates' tours in Lansing.

Assistant Chief Barratt reported that a system for dispensing food and supplies to families that were burned out was being placed in service in the department.

The Board adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

WILLIAM R. GREW,
Secretary.

N.M.